

Discover the Delaware Bay with us!



FREE Public Programs offered Spring 2016

All programs require registration. To register call: 302-739-6377

Celebrating Spring Hike

Blackbird Creek Reserve

Tuesday, March 22, 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Are you ready to celebrate Spring and explore the Blackbird Creek Reserve? Come join a naturalist as we hike along the creek and journey through wooded areas, meadow habitats, and shrub areas. Bring your binoculars and be on the look-out for various bird species. **Wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather, we will meet at the Blackbird Creek Reserve (801 Blackbird Landing Road in Townsend, Delaware).**

Coastal Heritage Driving Tour

St. Jones Reserve

Tuesday, April 12, 9:00 AM-3:30 PM

Join us as we discover the New Castle County dike system. Leave the driving to us as you board our touring van. We will make a stop for lunch along the way. The tour will meet at the St. Jones Reserve (818 Kitts Hummock Road in Dover, Delaware). This program is designed for participants 18 years of age or older. **Space is limited. *Note: There will be at least 1/2 mile of walking outside during this tour.***

Discovery Lab: Horseshoe Crab Survey

Bowers Beach Public Parking Lot

Saturday, May 7, 10:00 AM– 11:00 AM

The Delaware Bay is home to the largest population of horseshoe crabs on the Atlantic coast and play a key role in our ecosystem. Every year volunteers and scientists count spawning horseshoe crabs to learn more about their numbers. Come and join us to learn more about the horseshoe crab and to do a mock spawning survey! This program is designed for our scientist who are too young (under 13) to participate in the real survey, but all ages are welcome. We will meet in the public lot at Bowers beach before heading out to the beachfront. **Space is limited so register today. *Note: Please wear shoes that will stay on your feet in the water NO FLIP FLOPS.***

Canoe Trip on Blackbird Creek

Blackbird Creek Reserve

Monday, May 16, 9:30 AM– 11:30 AM

Take an adventure up Blackbird Creek to observe the various habitats and wildlife in and along the creek. Wear comfortable clothing. Life jackets will be provided and are required to be worn. Canoeing experience is preferred but not required. The canoe trip will meet at the Blackbird Creek Reserve component at 801 Blackbird Landing Road in Townsend, Delaware. **Space is limited.**

Boat Trip on the St. Jones River

Scotton Landing

Monday, May 23, 10:30 AM-12:30 PM

Get ready to board our 24 foot skiff boat as we take an expedition onto the River! This program will meet at Scotton Landing off of Barkers Landing Road in Dover, Delaware. **These boating experiences are designed for ages 5-adult.** Life jackets will be provided and are required to be worn on the trip. **Space is limited.**

Volunteer with the Reserve! Pot Native Plant Seedlings at the St. Jones

Saturday, April 23, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Join Reserve staff at the St. Jones Reserve (818 Kitts Hummock Road, DE) on April 23rd in celebration of Earth Day to pot native plant seedlings. These seedlings will be tended to and grown in the St. Jones's native plant nursery this summer and will be planted next fall at the Blackbird Creek Reserve. Come out and help make a difference in your local environment!

All ages are welcome, but registration is required. To register call the St. Jones Reserve at (302) 739-6377.

Volunteers will need to supply their own work gloves.

**Program can be cancelled due to inclement weather or if not enough people register. **

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